

Certain crimes excepted.

SEC. 3. That this act shall not apply to the crimes of murder, manslaughter, rape, attempt to commit rape, burglary, arson, perjury or forgery.

Only term of two years or less to be so served.

SEC. 4. That only such convicts as may be sentenced for two years or less shall be sentenced to serve on said farm.

Costs in criminal actions to be worked out at said farm.

SEC. 5. That all persons sentenced for the payment of costs in any criminal action or proceeding, shall be sentenced to labor on said farm instead of being confined in the common jail of Bertie county.

Judgment may be suspended.

SEC. 6. That nothing in this act shall prevent the suspension of judgment when the same is deemed proper by said judge or justice of the peace.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from the day of its ratification.

Ratified this the 6th day of February, A. D. 1895.

CHAPTER 20.

An act providing for letting the public printing to the lowest responsible bidder, and for other purposes.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

Public printing and binding to be let to lowest bidder.
Term of contract.
How bids estimated.

SECTION 1. That all printing and binding required by the state shall be let by contract, to run from February the twenty-second, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, to July the first, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, to the lowest responsible bidder, and all bids shall be estimated by the "em quad," "token" and "volume."

Joint committee on printing to advertise for bids.

SEC. 2. That the joint committee on printing shall notify persons desiring to bid thereon by one week's notice, immediately after the passage of this act, in the daily paper of Raleigh having the largest *bona fide* circulation, to meet them at such time and place as they may designate for receiving said bids; and the bids shall be opened at a stated time, in the presence of such bidders as may choose to attend; and the contract shall be awarded as provided in section one of this act; and the contract so awarded shall be ratified by both houses of the General Assembly.

Contract awarded as in section 1.

How contract made in 1897, and thereafter.

SEC. 3. That in January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and every two years thereafter, the joint committee on printing shall, immediately after the organization of the two houses of the General Assembly, advertise for thirty days in some newspaper for proposals to do the state printing and binding for the two years from and after the then existing contract; and the bids shall be received and the contract awarded as in the manner above prescribed; and the said joint committee shall have prepared printed forms of proposals for printing and binding, showing the class of work to be contracted

Printed forms for bids.